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Dear Ms. Finger-McDonald

I am a longtime (40+ years) resident of Benton County. Over the years, I've had plenty of opportunity to haul yard waste (mostly) out to Coffin Butte and the old PRC facility. I've also watched our waste management companies morph from the old Corvallis Disposal, to Waste Management Services to Republic Services. Each of these companies has, in my opinion, done a reasonable job of dealing with Benton county garbage, a credit to past and present commissioners. In the past ten+ years, though, the scale of operations has exploded, reflected in the rapid mushrooming of Coffin Butte, and the steady stream of semis which line up from abroad to dump in Benton County.

Now, I'm not conversant with all of the operational and financial drivers behind the proposed expansion of Coffin Butte, but the urgency of an expansion on behalf of Benton County residents, or even our close neighbors in Linn and Polk counties, is far-fetched.

There's clearly a huge financial incentive for Republic Services to expand and rapidly 'harvest' Coffin Butte's capacity, and this serves perhaps the shorter term interests of other state residents. But Benton County cannot sustain this clown fest. The existing contract provides no recourse and no oversight to the county commissioners;

moreover, they're held hostage to a short term revenue stream. Meanwhile, garbage is being dumped in saturated soil, close to wetlands; no wonder methane gas is plentiful when refuse is moldering under the water table...trucked in from across Oregon and SW Washington.

I'm sure that Benton County Commissioners will do their best to improve this situation. And I doubt that they will approve an expansion. But they need help from the State of Oregon to rationalize & regulate waste management towards a sustainable future. No question that we all need to manage our consumer excess (and there should be a component to public policy to push on this rope), but we should be driving Republic Services (& other waste management entities) to upgrade recycling and reuse chains...AND there are better places (drier lands, for example) to bury waste from non-Benton County residents. Enough already!

Best regards,

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